

Hurricane Season Check-List

GATHER INFO

Keep a list of:

1. Local Emergency Management Office
2. County Law Enforcement
3. County Public Safety Fire/Rescue
4. State, County; City/Town Government
5. Local Hospitals
6. Local Utilities
7. Local American Red Cross
8. Local TV Stations
9. Local Radio Stations
10. Your Property Insurance Agent

RESOURCES

1. National Weather Service Weather Safety
2. Be a Force of Nature with NOAA's Weather-Ready Nation
3. NWS Storm-Ready Sites & Communities
4. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
5. American Red Cross

OTHER USEFUL TIPS

1. Review the FEMA Evacuation Guidelines to allow for enough time to pack and inform friends and family if you need to leave your home. FOLLOW instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!
2. Consider your protection options to decide whether to stay or evacuate your home if you are not ordered to evacuate.

To create your own emergency plan, visit: http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Family_Emergency_Plan.pdf

PREPARATION

Supply Kits should include the following:

1. Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
2. Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
3. Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
4. Flashlight and extra batteries
5. First aid kit
6. Whistle to signal for help
7. Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
8. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
9. Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
10. Manual can opener for food
11. Local maps
12. Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Additional Emergency Supplies:

1. Prescription medications and glasses
2. Infant formula and diapers
3. Pet food and extra water for your pet
4. Cash or traveler's checks and change
5. Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
6. Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
7. Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
8. Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
9. Fire extinguisher
10. Matches in a waterproof container
11. Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
12. Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels, plastic utensils, paper and pencil